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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Toshiya KITAMURA
Serial No. : 09/413,984
Filed : October 7, 1999
For : NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE
MATERIAL FOR USE IN
ALKALINE CELL AND METHOD
OF PREPARING THE SAME

Art Unit : 1745
Examiner : T. Dove

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

Responsive to the Office Action mailed June 7, 2002
(Paper No. 15), the term for response to which is extended three
months to expire on December 7, 2002 by a PETITION FOR EXTENSION
filed concomitantly herewith, please amend the application as
follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the second paragraph on page 4 of the Substitute
Specification filed on September 4, 2001 with the following
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Dated: December 4, 2002

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